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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**CALIFORNIA MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS
FOR METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKING**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ANTONIO GARCIA-HERNANDEZ, 38, of Bening, California, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton to ten years imprisonment following his guilty plea to methamphetamine trafficking in an amount greater than 500 grams. The charges arose out of a joint investigation conducted by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Indiana State Police, and the Indianapolis Police Department.

GARCIA-HERNANDEZ and two others were arrested at a motel, near Indianapolis International Airport, about March 12, 2002, after an undercover operation discovered they

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were transporting large amounts of methamphetamine from California to the Indianapolis area.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Barry D. Glickman, who is prosecuting the case for the government, Judge Hamilton also placed GARCIA-HERNANDEZ upon 5 years supervised release following his incarceration, if he is not deported.

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